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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
DEX-0054

In Re Application Of: Robbins et al.

Serial No.
09/426,548

Filing Date
October 22, 1999

Examiner
Wolbach, Joseph T.

Group Art Unit
1632

Invention: Novel Mutations in Human MLH1 and Human MSH2 Genes Useful in Diagnosing Colorectal Cancer

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 1, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: October 1, 2003

until: December 30, 2003
Date
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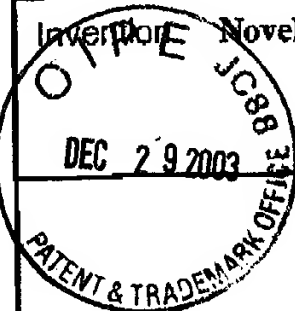
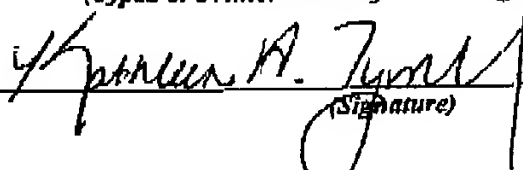
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FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00

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Applicant(s): Robbins et al.			
Serial No. 09/426,548	Filing Date October 22, 1999	Examiner Woitach, Joseph T.	Group Art Unit 1632
Inventor: Novel Mutation in Human MLH1 and Human MSH2 Genes Useful in Diagnosing Colorectal Cancer			
			
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Application Number	09/426,548
Filing Date	October 22, 1999
First Named Inventor	Robbins
Art Unit	1632
Examiner Name	Woitach, Joseph T.
Attorney Docket Number	DEX-0054

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 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
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 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☒ Other Petition for 3 month extension of time
- Miscellaneous**
 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other _____
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Signature	<i>Kathleen A. Tyrrell</i>	Date	December 23, 2003

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